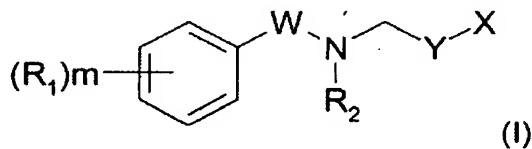


IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A compound of formula (I):



in which:

R_1 denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1 - C_8 alkyl group, or a group -CN, -OR₁₁, -SR₁₁, -NR₁₁R₁₂, -COR₁₁, -COOR₁₁, -CONR₁₁R₁₂, -NR₁₁-CO-R₁₂, -NR₁₁-CO-NR₁₂R₁₃ or -CF₃ or a halogen atom,

where R_{11} , R_{12} and R_{13} independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group -OR, -NRR', -COOR or CF₃,

where R and R' independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1 - C_4 alkyl group,

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1 - C_{12} alkyl group,

W is an unsubstituted, linear C_2 - C_4 alkylene or alkenylene chain,

X is a group -OR₁₁ or -NR₁₁R₁₂, where R₁₁ and R₁₂ have the meanings indicated above,

Y denotes an unsubstituted, linear or branched C_{14} - C_{20} alkylene or alkenylene chain a di (C_5 - C_7) alkylethylene or di (C_5 - C_7) alkylpropylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5,~~ the groups R₁ may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

2. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is a salt obtained by addition with an inorganic acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric, sulphuric, nitric and phosphoric acids.

3. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is a salt obtained by addition with an organic acid selected from the group consisting of succinic, fumaric, lactic, glycolic, citric and tartaric acids.

4. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R₁ is a group -OR₁₁ where R₁₁ is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl group,
- R₂ is a hydrogen atom or a saturated, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group,
- W is an unsubstituted, linear C₂-C₄ alkylene or alkenylene chain,
- X is a group -OR₁₁ where R₁₁ is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl group,
- Y is an unsubstituted, branched C₁₁-C₁₆ alkylene chain.

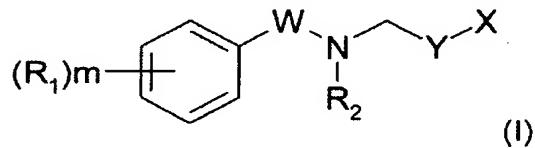
5. (Original): A compound according to Claim 4, wherein at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R₁ is a group -OH or -OCH₃,

- R_2 is a hydrogen atom or an ethyl group,
- W is a trimethylene or propenylene chain,
- X is a group $-OH$,
- Y is an unsubstituted $di(C_5-C_7)alkyl$ ethylene or $di(C_5-C_7)di$ alkyl pentylene chain.

6. (Original): A compound according to Claim 5, wherein: $m = 0$; R_2 is an ethyl group; $X = OH$; Y is a dipentylethylene chain; and W is a trimethylene chain.

7. (Currently Amended): A composition suitable for topical application to the skin, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one compound of formula (I):



in which:

R_1 denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1-C_8 alkyl group, or a group $-CN$, $-OR_{11}$, $-SR_{11}$, $-NR_{11}R_{12}$, $-COR_{11}$, $-COOR_{11}$, $-CONR_{11}R_{12}$, $-NR_{11}-CO-R_{12}$, $-NR_{11}-CO-NR_{12}R_{13}$ or $-CF_3$ or a halogen atom,

where R_{11} , R_{12} and R_{13} independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group $-OR$, $-NRR'$, $-COOR$ or CF_3 ,

where R and R' independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl group,

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1-C_{12} alkyl group,

W is an unsubstituted, linear C₂-C₄ alkylene or alkenylene chain, or a methylene chain,

X is a group -OR₁₁ or -NR₁₁R₁₂, where R₁₁ and R₁₂ have the meanings indicated above,

Y denotes an unsubstituted, linear or branched C₁₁-C₂₀ alkylene or alkenylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5,~~ the groups R₁ may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

8. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, comprising a salt obtained by addition with an inorganic acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric, sulphuric, nitric and phosphoric acids.

9. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, comprising a salt obtained by addition with an organic acid selected from the group consisting of succinic, fumaric, lactic, glycolic, citric and tartaric acids.

10. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R₁ is a group -OR₁₁ where R₁₁ is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl group,
- R₂ is a hydrogen atom or a saturated, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group,
- W is an unsubstituted, linear C₂-C₄ alkylene or alkenylene chain,
- X is a group -OR₁₁ where R₁₁ is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl group,
- Y is an unsubstituted, branched C₁₁-C₁₆ alkylene chain.

11. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

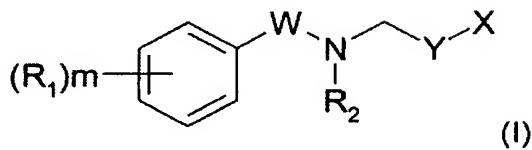
- $m = 0$ or 1 ,
- R_1 is a group -OH or -OCH₃,
- R_2 is a hydrogen atom or an ethyl group,
- W is a trimethylene or propenylene chain,
- X is a group -OH,
- Y is an unsubstituted di(C₅-C₇)alkyl ethylene or di(C₅-C₇)dialkyl pentylene chain.

12. (Original): The composition according to Claim 11, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that: $m = 0$; R_2 is an ethyl group; $X = OH$; Y is a dipentylethylene chain; and W is a trimethylene chain.

13. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) represents from 0.1 to 2% of the total weight of the composition.

14. (Original): The composition according to claim 7, further comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of: desquamating agents; moisturizing agents; depigmenting or propigmenting agents; antiglycation agents; NO-synthase inhibitors; agents stimulating the synthesis of dermal or epidermal macromolecules and/or preventing their degradation; agents stimulating the proliferation of fibroblasts and/or of the keratinocytes or stimulating the differentiation of the keratinocytes; muscle-relaxing agents; tightening agents; antipollution and/or anti-radical agents; agents acting on the microcirculation; agents acting on the energy metabolism of the cells; and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended): A method, comprising topically applying to wrinkles and/or fine lines at least one compound of formula (I):



in which:

R_1 denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1-C_8 alkyl group, or a group $-CN$, $-OR_{11}$, $-SR_{11}$, $-NR_{11}R_{12}$, $-COR_{11}$, $-COOR_{11}$, $-CONR_{11}R_{12}$, $-NR_{11}-CO-R_{12}$, $-NR_{11}-CO-NR_{12}R_{13}$ or $-CF_3$ or a halogen atom,

where R_{11} , R_{12} and R_{13} independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group $-OR$, $-NRR'$, $-COOR$ or CF_3 ,

where R and R' independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl group,

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C_1-C_{12} alkyl group,

W is an unsubstituted, linear C_2-C_4 alkylene or alkenylene chain, or a methylene chain,

X is a group $-OR_{11}$ or $-NR_{11}R_{12}$, where R_{11} and R_{12} have the meanings indicated above,

Y denotes an unsubstituted, linear or branched $C_{11}-C_{20}$ alkylene or alkenylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero~~ wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5, the groups R_1 may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

16. (Original): The method according to Claim 15, wherein the said wrinkles and fine lines are expression wrinkles and fine lines.

17. (Original): A method for the cosmetic treatment of wrinkled skin, comprising topically applying to the skin a composition according to Claim 7.

18. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said composition is applied to the areas of the face or of the forehead marked by expression wrinkles and fine lines, and/or to people having expression wrinkles and fine lines.

19. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the said composition is applied to the wrinkles and fine lines arranged radially around the mouth and/or the eyes and/or horizontally on the forehead and/or situated in the inter-superciliary space.